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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,10,11,16-22,24-32 and 35-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-9,12-15,23,33 and 34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The IDS has been considered. The publication dates of the references must be provided.
2. Fajarda and Vossler are cited as of interest.
3. The drawings are objected to because 37 CFR 1.84(u) requires the unconnected, mounted and unmounted views to be designated as (a),(b), and (c). Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the separate views of Figures 1 and 2 must designated as (a),(b),and (c). Where are elements 251 and 151 described in the specification.

Appropriate correction is required.

5. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

6. Claims 3-9,12-15,23,33,34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1,2,10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,724,274, hereinafter Nelson.

Nelson shows a method for transferring digital data comprising removing a first storage device 36 from an information handling system 10, Fig. 2(44), reading at least a portion of digital data from first mass storage device 10 while first mass storage device 36 is operated (Fig. 2, col. 2, ll. 22-29) while the first mass storage device 36 is unmounted Fig. 3(54), and storing the digital data read from first mass storage device 36 to second mass storage device 46 mounted with the information handling system 10, Fig. 3(54), col. 2, ll. 22-29.

9. Claims 11,16-22,24-32,35-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,633,445, hereinafter Wilke.

Wilke shows the limitations of claims 24-31 and 40-45 drawn to an apparatus comprising a cradle 12 having a configuration to hold a mass storage device 11, the cradle further configured such that it reformats digital data from mass storage device 11, col. 12, ll.30-65, and transmits it to an information handling system 17. Serial/parallel protocols are taught by col. 12, l. 50-col. 13, l.20.

Wilke shows the limitations of claims 11,16-22, 32, 35-45 drawn to an apparatus comprising a mass storage device 11 having a configuration so as to be used in conjunction with a system 17 which includes the capability to at least in part store digital data, the mass storage device including a first data port 71,113,112 and a second data port 71,187, a hard disk 91, and parallel/serial protocols col. 12, l. 50-col. 13, l. 20.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan Faber whose telephone number is (703) 308-4816. The examiner can normally be reached on flextime (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on (703) 308-4825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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